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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as stated in the specification.

- JP 10-252739 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 11-44142 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

The following references have been filed in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- JP 2001-59373 discloses an image forming apparatus, and method for measuring consumption of developer. This reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant

to International claims 1 - 4 and 6. No copy of this reference is available to Applicant at this time, however, attached are the corresponding references WO 2000/077413, EP 1203890 and JP2002-258695.

- JP 11-173327 discloses a hinge. This reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 - 4 and 6. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 2001-185868 discloses a pivot structure of foldable portable telephone. This reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 - 4 and 6. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract. Applicant further wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the corresponding U.S. Patent 6,633,643.

- JP 2003-161311 discloses a hinge device. This reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 - 4 and 6. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 9-329127 discloses a shaft lock device. This reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 - 4 and 6. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 10-68412 discloses a method for plugging and opening tuyere in blast furnace. This reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 6. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 2001-107941 discloses a tilt hinge. This reference has been cited under Category

A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 6. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract. Applicant further wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner corresponding reference KR 1050634. No copy of KR 1050634 is available to Applicant at this time.

- JP 2003-156029 discloses a tilt hinge manufacturing method with excellent yield capable of obtaining high friction torque by a simple and compact configuration. This reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 6. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 2004-190785 discloses a hinge device and electronic equipment using the same. This reference has been cited under Categories P and Y as being relevant to International claim 5. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

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(13) References and (11) English Abstracts

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